

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2-5, 8-12 and 15, amend claims 1, 6, 7, 13 and 14, and add new claims 16-21, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A pickup apparatus of a piano having a stationary member and a sound source member which vibrates according to a sound of the piano, comprising:  
a sensor for detecting a vibration of said sound source member and a rigid sensor holding member which contacts said stationary member and said sound source member, and rigidly keeps said sensor between said stationary member and said sound source member,  
wherein said rigid sensor holding member has a length adjusting mechanism for rigidly adjusting a length of said sensor holding member, according to a distance between said stationary member and said sound source member, [[and ]]  
said sensor is forcibly and rigidly supported and held between said stationary member and said sound source member, upon adjustment of said length adjusting mechanism, so that a first side end of said sensor holding member contacts a stationary member side and a second side end contacts a sound source member side, and[.]  
said first side end or second side end has an angle-adjusting mechanism contacting said stationery member or said sound source member such that said sensor is rigidly supported and held by said sensor holding member at an arbitrary angle between said stationery member and said sound source member, so as to optimize detection of vibration from said sound source member at the sensor.
- 2-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently amended) A pickup apparatus of a piano according to claim 1, wherein the sensor of the sensor holding member comprises a piezoelectric force pickup means.
7. (Currently amended) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 1, wherein the length adjusting mechanism comprises:  
a screw portion extending along a length direction of said rigid sensor holding member; and ~~a main arm member threadedly engaged with said screw portion~~

a receiving portion contacting said stationery member or said sound source member, having threads for accepting and engaging with the screw portion, wherein a rotation of said rigid sensor holding member rigidly adjusts the length of the sensor holding member, in a direction substantially perpendicular to said rotation.

8-12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 1, wherein the ~~stationary member is formed as at least one of a cast iron plate, a pin block, a brace, an inner rim, an outer rim and a back post of a vertical piano body of said piano~~ said apparatus is mounted in a grand piano.

14. (Currently amended) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 1, wherein the ~~sound source member is formed as at least one of a sound board, a rib adhered to the sound board, a bridge adhered to the sound board, a bridge pin provided on the bridge adhered to the sound board, and a string adhered to the sound board and strung such as to be in contact with the bridge~~ said apparatus is mounted in an upright or vertical piano.

15. (Canceled).

16. (New) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 1, wherein said angle-adjusting mechanism includes a supporting member contacting said stationery member or said sound source member, said supporting member having a hollow for rotatably receiving a spherical portion of said rigid sensor holding member, wherein said length adjustment fixes said spherical portion to said supporting member at said arbitrary angle.

17. (New) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 1, wherein when the angle adjusting mechanism is disposed at one of said first side end or said second side end, the length adjusting mechanism is disposed at a respective other side end.

18. (New) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 7, further comprising at least two detachable electric signal output connectors, spaced apart on said rigid sensor holding member, such that the rotation of said sensor holding member rotates at least one of said output connectors to a conveniently accessible position.
19. (New) A pickup apparatus of a piano having a stationary member and a sound source member which vibrates according to a sound of the piano, comprising:
- a sensor for detecting a vibration of said sound source member and a rigid sensor holding member which contacts said stationary member and said sound source member, and rigidly keeps said sensor between said stationary member and said sound source member,
  - wherein said rigid sensor holding member has a length adjusting mechanism for rigidly adjusting a length of said sensor holding member, according to a distance between said stationary member and said sound source member,
  - said length adjusting mechanism further comprising:
    - a screw portion extending along a length direction of said rigid sensor holding member; and
    - a receiving portion contacting said stationary member or said sound source member, having threads for accepting and engaging with the screw portion,
  - wherein a rotation of said rigid sensor holding member rigidly adjusts the length of the sensor holding member, in a direction substantially perpendicular to said rotation, and further
  - wherein said sensor is forcibly and rigidly supported and held between said stationary member and said sound source member, upon adjustment of said length adjusting mechanism, so that a first side end of said sensor holding member contacts a stationary member side and a second side end contacts a sound source member side, and
  - said first side end or second side end has an angle-adjusting mechanism contacting said stationary member or said sound source member such that said sensor is rigidly supported and held by said sensor holding member at an arbitrary angle between said stationary member and said sound source member, so as to optimize detection of vibration from said sound source member at the sensor,
  - said angle-adjusting mechanism further comprising:

a supporting member contacting said stationery member or said sound source member, said supporting member having a hollow for rotatably receiving a spherical portion of said rigid sensor holding member, wherein said rotation of said sensor holding member for length adjustment fixes said spherical portion to said supporting member at said arbitrary angle.

20. (New) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 19, wherein when the angle adjusting mechanism is disposed at one of said first side end or said second side end, the length adjusting mechanism is disposed at the remaining side end.
21. (New) A pickup apparatus for a piano according to claim 19, further comprising at least two detachable electric signal output connectors, spaced apart on said rigid sensor holding member, such that the rotation of said sensor holding member rotates at least one of said output connectors to a conveniently accessible position.